

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 17. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	46.4	51.0	52.0	55.7	61.4	59.6
• Passed 2 subtests	24.9	24.0	26.8	21.0	19.0	20.9
• Passed 1 subtest	14.4	14.6	11.6	13.3	12.6	11.9
• Passed no subtests	14.4	10.4	9.6	10.0	7.0	7.6

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	15.0%	13.6%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	15.0%	14.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	45.1%	44.9%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	86.3%	15.0%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	37.5%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	88.6%	16.4%	
Gender			
Male	79.5%	8.6%	
Female	91.7%	19.4%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	86.0%	15.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	0.0%	
White	N/A	N/A	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	83.7%	9.5%	
Pay for lunch	90.1%	18.2%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	62.9%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	41.2%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,861	N/A	\$5,861	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.4%	No change	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.8 to 1	N/A	25.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=908)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	22.5%	N/A	30.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.8%	94.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	14.7%	Up from 12.7%	12.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=59)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.8 Days	No change	6.8 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.5%	No change	96.5%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	54.2%	Down from 63.0%	40.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	Up from 73.3%	80.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	4.1%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	80.3%	Down from 82.0%	84.0%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,443	Up 5.5%	\$36,282	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.0%	Up from 1.0%	3.4%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.2%	N/A	55.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	51.1%	N/A	51.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	14.5%	Down from 19.0%	12.1%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	11	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	10.6%	Up from 9.2%	6.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Down from 9.7%	11.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.2%	N/A	10.6%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	374	N/A	312	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	79.2%	N/A	29.2%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

W.J. Keenan High School is proud of the significant progress made during the 2000-01 school year. Our school became the first high school in our district to be named a Flagship School in the Schools of Promise initiative, sponsored by the S.C. Association of School Administrators. Two students were named National Achievement Finalists, two were named Palmetto Fellows, and one was named a Coca-Cola Scholarship semifinalist. Six students were honored as Richland One High School Scholars.

Our instructional program was enhanced through after-school tutoring programs for Exit Exam preparation, utilization of computer labs for students, and 30 new computers for student use. The implementation of teachers' office hours in each department provided additional time for individual work with students after school. Project GOAL continues to provide additional homework assistance and other support for students in this program. The Athletic Department also offered tutoring for all student athletes.

Class size was approximately 22:1, and Distance Learning opportunities were made available in AP calculus, Psychology 101 and Sociology 201 through Midlands Tech. Our school has had the highest percentage of seniors in this district graduating and going on to two- or four-year colleges. SAT scores rose significantly due to SAT camp, structured classes and tutoring for SAT preparation.

Parental involvement is one of our greatest assets. Our parent volunteer coordinator was named District High School Volunteer of the Year, and our school recorded more than 104,000 volunteer hours during the 2000-2001 school year. The PTSA sponsored two teacher appreciation luncheons and awarded two scholarships to graduating seniors. In addition, the PTSA co-sponsored our first Parent-Student Exchange Day during American Education Week.

The challenges facing our school include: (1) high mobility of the student population; (2) students' lack of commitment to pursue the most rigorous curricula; and (3) students' lack of opportunity to matriculate with students of diverse backgrounds and cultures. These challenges, however, have forced us to find creative ways to meet our goal of "High Expectations, High Standards, and High Performance!"

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	75.5	58.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.6	70.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	73.5	73.1	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 908 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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